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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ORACLE AMERICA, INC.,

Case No. 3:10-cv-03561 WHA

Plaintiffs,

V.

GOOGLE INC.,

**GOOGLE'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION  
IN LIMINE # 5 TO EXCLUDE GOOGLE'S  
SURVEY EXPERT DR. SIMONSON**

Defendant.

Hearing: April 27, 2016  
Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Dept. Courtroom 8, 19<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Judge: Hon. William Alsup

1       **I. INTRODUCTION**

2           Dr. Itamar Simonson's survey results directly address and refute the causation theory that  
 3 is the sole basis of Oracle's claim for disgorgement of Google's Android-related profits. Oracle  
 4 contends that Google made money on Android because it was able to attract application  
 5 developers to the platform by using the declarations and structure, sequence, and organization of  
 6 37 Java SE API packages (the "declarations/SSO"). Oracle has no empirical evidence that this  
 7 actually happened. The survey proves the opposite—that developers choose to develop for  
 8 mobile platforms with a significant user base that offers developers the opportunity to make more  
 9 profit—not because the developers are familiar with a programming language or its APIs.

10           Oracle has no legitimate basis to exclude this evidence, so it misconstrues Dr. Simonson's  
 11 survey results and cherry-picks internal Google predictions from months or even years prior to  
 12 Android's release to claim (wrongly) that the record facts contradict the survey results (they do  
 13 not) and to concoct an artificial litigation construct—"the critical 2007-2009 window"—to "test"  
 14 the relevance of Dr. Simonson's survey. But the relevant question here is not what Google  
 15 predicted *might* happen upon Android's release, but what actually *did* happen. Oracle also  
 16 improperly conflates these documents' discussion of, e.g., Android's indisputably permissible  
 17 "support of Java programming language" with the alleged infringement of declarations/SSO from  
 18 37 Java SE APIs that is at issue in this case.

19           The relevant record evidence from after Android's release is entirely consistent with the  
 20 survey results—in particular the fact that the growth of apps on Android followed consumer  
 21 adoption of the platform rather than vice versa. There is no evidence to suggest that motivations  
 22 of application developers have changed over time. Oracle is free to raise that issue on cross-  
 23 examination, but it is no basis for excluding probative expert testimony that will assist the trier of  
 24 fact. Oracle even went so far as retaining an expert of its own, Dr. Olivier Toubia, to attack Dr.  
 25 Simonson's study on methodological grounds. But Dr. Toubia's methodological criticisms are  
 26 contradicted by the very same authorities he relies on in forming his opinions. Oracle's Motion in  
 27 Limine #5 should be denied.<sup>1</sup>

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28           <sup>1</sup> Google does not intend to offer Dr. Simonson as a witness as part of its case-in-chief during the  
 Fair Use phase of the trial, and thus does not address Oracle's argument on that point.

1           **II. DR. SIMONSON'S SURVEY MEASURES THE ACTUAL MOTIVATIONS OF**  
 2           **APPLICATION DEVELOPERS AGAINST ORACLE'S THEORY OF DAMAGES**

3           Oracle asserts that Dr. Simonson's survey was trying to test "what drove developers to  
 4           develop apps for Android before Android was popular." Oracle's MIL #5 at 3 (citing Simonson  
 5           Rpt. ¶ 14). Not so. As Dr. Simonson explains, his survey tests Oracle's theory that "a primary  
 6           driver of developers' decisions to develop Android applications, *and the resulting popularity of*  
 7           *Android*, was the developers' prior familiarity with the Java programming language." ECF 1563-  
 8           10 (Simonson Rpt. ¶ 14). Dr. Simonson tested Oracle's hypothesis that developers flocked to  
 9           Android because of their prior familiarity with the Java programming language, and in doing so  
 10           drove the popularity of Android. His survey measures the factors that motivate a developers'  
 11           decision to develop for a mobile platform, the factors that led developers to develop for Android,  
 12           and developers' willingness and ability to learn a new programming language to meet user  
 13           demand, among other things. ECF 1563-10 (Simonson Rpt. ¶ 11).

14           Oracle points to a few Google internal business strategy documents from 2006 through  
 15           2008, the year the first Android-based phone was released, where certain Google employees  
 16           speculate that the use of "the Java programming language" in the Android platform would attract  
 17           developers. Based on nothing more, Oracle argues that it must be true that those predictions were  
 18           right, and that it was specifically the declarations/SSO (which were never mentioned in Google's  
 19           documents) that brought developers to Android, creating a multitude of apps which caused  
 20           Android's success. Oracle offers no evidence that any of the links in its asserted causal chain  
 21           actually came to pass. Instead, it falls back on rhetoric, accusing Google of "rewriting history."  
 22           But Oracle is wrong that certain, cherry-picked, Google business strategy documents are a  
 23           reliable measure of knowable "reality" occurring several years later.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, none of the  
 24           documents Oracle cites refer to the declarations/SSO, and two of the four relate to early

25           <sup>2</sup> Oracle also takes Dr. Simonson's opinions from other expert reports out of context. In *Fox*  
 26           *Broadcasting Co. v. DISH Network L.L.C.*, No. 2:12-cv-04529 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 19, 2014), Dr.  
 27           Simonson analyzed a survey that found that TV viewers would not use a new Dish Network  
 28           feature that allowed them to skip all commercials with one click as opposed to fast-forwarding.  
 Dr. Simonson noted that this finding went against common sense, and that Dish itself did not  
 implement the feature in markets where it benefitted and sold advertisements. *See* Simonson  
*Dish Decl.* ¶¶ 11, 21, 43. Here, there is no established causal link between the familiarity of  
 language and developers' motivations – instead that is what the survey seeks to test.

1 Sun/Google partnership discussions regarding myriad things that were never actually used in  
 2 Android, including Sun's Java Virtual Machine and implementing code.

3 The actual history is on Google's side, not Oracle's. From 2007-2009, the number of  
 4 applications on Android did not increase significantly, as would be expected if developers were in  
 5 fact motivated by familiarity with the Java programming language (which still would not be  
 6 linked to the accused declarations/SSO). At the end of 2009 there were only 16,000 applications,  
 7 in total, available on the Android Market (now the Google Play Store), compared to the 1.6  
 8 million applications now available.<sup>3</sup> It was not until the popularity of Android-based phones took  
 9 off in early 2010, following the release of the Motorola Droid and HTC Nexus One phones, that  
 10 the number of Android applications increased significantly, reaching 89,000 apps by the end of  
 11 2010. *See* Mullen Decl., Ex., 26 (Rutledge 12/9/15 Dep. 77:17-23); ECF 1563-7 (Leonard  
 12 3/10/16 Rpt. ¶¶ 166-68, Ex. 2g & 2h); ECF 1564-6 (Malackowski 1/8/16 Rpt. ¶ 258). Even  
 13 according to Oracle's expert, James Malackowski, the Android Market only achieved "critical  
 14 mass" at the end of 2010—three years after the release of Android—a conclusion that is again  
 15 consistent with application developers following users. *See* ECF 1564-6 (Malackowski 1/8/16  
 16 Rpt. ¶ 258 (quoting Q4 2010 Google Android Operating Committee Quarterly Review stating that  
 17 Android Market had achieved "critical mass")).<sup>4</sup>

18 Dr. Simonson's survey results are perfectly consistent with the real-world decisions of  
 19 actual application developers, internal Google documents after the first Android-based phone's  
 20 release, common sense, and other non-Google, not-created for litigation, studies of application  
 21 developers' decision making. ECF 1563-10 (Simonson Rpt. ¶ 13); Mullen Decl., Ex. 27  
 22 (VisionMobile, *Mobile Developer Economics 2010 and Beyond*, p. 13 (July 2010)).  
 23 Nevertheless, Oracle still argues—without any evidence—that the survey itself must be flawed as

24 <sup>3</sup> *See* ECF 1564-6 (Malackowski 1/8/16 Rpt. ¶ 149, Mullen Decl., Ex. 25 (Simonson Dep. 164:8-24); Statista, "Number of Apps Available in Leading App Stores as of July 2015,  
 25 <http://www.statista.com/statistics/276623/number-of-apps-available-in-leading-app-stores/>.

26 <sup>4</sup> Other internal Google documents also demonstrate that Google recognized after Android's  
 27 release that users and potential profit drove application development rather than vice versa. For  
 28 example, the internal Google business strategy "value monetization cycles" that Mr. Malackowski  
 and another Oracle expert, Dr. Adam Jaffe, rely on in fact demonstrate that by at least 2010,  
 Google realized that it would need to "sell lots of [Android] devices" in order to "attract  
 developers." *See* ECF 1564-1 (Jaffe 2/8/2016 Rpt., ¶¶ 156-57 Figures 33 and 34).

1 it does not recreate the marketplace predicted by certain Google's internal documents. This is  
 2 circular logic that ignores the facts.

3           **A.       The 2007-2009 “window” of relevance is an artificial construct and there is no**  
 4           **evidence that motivations of app developers have changed over time.**

5           The relevance of the “2007-2009” time period is a construct of Oracle’s litigation strategy.

6           See Mullen Decl., Ex. 28 (Toubia Dep. 74:15-24 (“  
 7           [REDACTED]  
 8           [REDACTED]”); 75:9-76:17). Although Oracle’s other  
 9 experts, Dr. Jaffe and Mr. Malackowski, repeatedly refer to a “mobile window of opportunity”  
 10 neither of them ever define the time period for this so-called “window.” See ECF 1564-6  
 11 (Malackowski 1/8/16 Rpt. ¶¶ 20, 120, 126, 174-175, 215, 231, 241-42); 1560-9 (Jaffe 2/8/16 Rep.  
 12 ¶¶ 21, 134 (Figure 26), 196, 439, 445); ECF 1563-7 (Leonard 3/10/16 Rpt. ¶ 165).

13           This lawyer-created “window” is irrelevant here, where Oracle offers ***no evidence*** that the  
 14 motivations of application developers have changed over time. Dr. Toubia’s criticism of Dr.  
 15 Simonson’s failure to recreate the appropriate “historical context” depends on his spoon-fed  
 16 conclusion that Oracle’s other experts “have documented in their reports the extent to which  
 17 developers faced unique circumstances at the time of Android’s release.” ECF 1563-12 (Toubia  
 18 Rpt. ¶ 27; *see also* ¶ 29). Dr. Jaffe’s and Mr. Malackowski’s conclusions, in turn, depend on  
 19 internal Google documents speculating that using the Java language would attract developers. *Id.*  
 20 (Toubia Rep. ¶ 27 (citing Malackowski 1/8/16 Rpt. ¶ 224, which cites an 2005 internal Google  
 21 presentation)). But it is precisely this relationship that Dr. Simonson’s survey was designed to,  
 22 and did, test.

23           Moreover, Dr. Toubia cannot vouch for any methodologically sound way to recreate the  
 24 “historical context” of 2007-2009 in a survey. At deposition, he had  
 25 [REDACTED]  
 26 [REDACTED] Mullen Decl., Ex. 28 (Toubia Dep.

27 82:3-23). In fact, as Dr. Simonson concluded, where (as here) there is no evidence that the  
 28 specific market environment affects decision-makers, there is no need to recreate the specific

1 market environment.<sup>5</sup>

2 Moreover, Dr. Simonson's survey did in fact include application developers who had  
 3 chosen to develop for Android during the 2007-2009 time period, finding that these survey  
 4 respondents were ***no more likely*** than any other survey respondent to list familiarity with the  
 5 programming language as a factor that influenced their decision to develop for Android. ECF  
 6 1563-10 (Simonson Rpt. ¶¶ 43-46); Mullen Decl., Ex. 25 (Simonson Dep. 83:25-84:22, 163:6-15,  
 7 167:25-169:10). For all these reasons, there also is no need to limit the respondents to only those  
 8 who had chosen to develop for Android during the 2007-2009 period.<sup>6</sup>

9 Dr. Toubia discards this data because he believes application developers are unlikely to be  
 10 able to recall these decisions from 2007-2009. But Dr. Toubia ignores what is actually being  
 11 tested. As Dr. Simonson explains, the decision to develop for a new mobile platform is a "high-  
 12 involvement" business decision and these types of decisions are not as likely to suffer from  
 13 untestable problems of recall as other types of decisions may be. Mullen Decl., Ex. 25 (Simonson  
 14 Dep. 124: 10-15; 126:11-15; 163:20-24). Indeed, the very articles that Dr. Toubia relies on  
 15 confirm Dr. Simonson's methodology and reject Oracle's position. In particular, Dr. Toubia,  
 16 relies on academic literature describing the problems associated with recalling quantitative  
 17 ***"autobiographical"*** information, such as how many times a person has visited the dentist in the  
 18 past year or the alumni memory for the streets of a college town.<sup>7</sup> These articles discuss the

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20 <sup>5</sup> For example, as Dr. Simonson has pointed out in expert reports for other matters, that in the  
 21 context of trademark confusion and dilution, it is very important to mirror marketplace  
 22 conditions. See Dr. Itamar Simonson Expert Report, *Safe Auto Ins. Co. v. State Automobile Mut.*  
*Ins. Co.*, No. 2:07-cv-1121 (S.D. Oh. Oct. 27, 2008), at ¶ 11, 2008 Misc. Filings LEXIS 8685  
 23 (likelihood of confusion survey); Dr. Simonson Expert Report, *Larin Corp. v. Alltrade, Inc.*, No.  
 24 EDCV 06-1394 (C. D. Cal. Feb 15, 2008), at ¶ 13, 2008 Misc. Filings LEXIS 4724 (trademark  
 25 confusion).

26 <sup>6</sup> Dr. Simonson's survey uses standard methodology by including within the survey pool any  
 27 developer who makes or influences the decision to develop for Android. In order to test how  
 28 decision-makers make decisions, it is appropriate to include within the survey both those who  
 decide and those who influence the decision. Oracle's criticism is baseless and not supported by  
 any authority.

29 <sup>7</sup> ECF 1563-12 (Toubia Rpt. ¶¶ 21, 25). Dr. Toubia relies on two articles discussing the limits of  
 30 recall on ***autobiographical detail***. See *id.* at ¶ 21 (citing Mullen Decl., Ex. 29 (Norman M.  
 31 Bradburn, Lance J. Rips, and Steven K. Shevell, "Answering Autobiographical Questions: The  
 32 Impact of Memory and Inference on Surveys," *Science*, New Series, Vol. 236, No. 4798, 1987, p.  
 33 158)); ¶ 25 (citing Mullen Decl., Ex. 30 (Roger Tourangeau, Lance J. Rips, and Kenneth

1 limits of a respondents' ability to recall past events, such as the content of a conversation,  
 2 receiving a vaccination, or when a respondent first experienced back pain – not the ability for a  
 3 respondent to recall motivations for making important business decisions. Tellingly, unlike Dr.  
 4 Simonson, Dr. Toubia has never published any articles regarding recall, and also does not  
 5 consider himself to have any special expertise in that area. Mullen Decl., Ex. 28 (Toubia Dep.  
 6 134:21-135:3).

7 Finally, Dr. Simonson correctly concludes that the fact that 62% of answers fall under the  
 8 coding category of "User base/Market share/Demand/Popularity/ROI" shows that user demand  
 9 and other related economic considerations are the primary factors driving most developers'  
 10 decisions. ECF 1563-10 (Simonson Rpt. ¶ 40). Oracle suggests that the fact that **one** respondent  
 11 listed Return on Investment ("ROI") as the first factor influencing his or her decision, **two**  
 12 respondents listed ROI as the second factor, and **three** respondents listed ROI as a factor, suggests  
 13 that these respondents care about costs to a developer and therefore familiarity with a  
 14 programming language was a significant factor in developers' decisions. *Id.* (Simonson Rpt., Ex.  
 15 F Table 4 at 4, 9, 13). This is fodder for cross-examination if anything, but it is baseless: it is  
 16 clear from the survey results that majority of respondents gave answers that fall under the  
 17 category of "size of user base," while some also gave answers that can be categorized as related  
 18 economic considerations. *Id.* In total, ROI was a significant factor for at most **six** respondents.  
 19 Dr. Simonson correctly analyzed the survey results.

20 **III. DR. SIMONSON'S SURVEY METHODOLOGY IS SOUND AND SUPPORTED  
 21 BY THE VERY AUTHORITIES THAT ORACLE'S EXPERT RELIES ON IN HIS  
 22 CRITICISM**

23 *First: a control group was not necessary because Dr. Simonson was not testing a  
 24 stimulus:* A control group is not necessary for every type of survey. *See* Mullen Decl., Ex. 25  
 25 (Simonson Dep. 98:12-99:19). To exclude Dr. Simonson's survey, Oracle relies on case law and  
 26 literature primarily addressing **trademark consumer confusion surveys** that do not apply here.<sup>8</sup>

27 Rasinski, The Psychology of Survey Response, Cambridge University Press: 2000) (focusing on  
 28 "memory for biographical facts" and noting that individuals are less likely to "forget important  
 events than unimportant ones" (p. 92))).

28 <sup>8</sup> *See* Mullen Decl., Ex. 32 (Shari Diamond, Reference Guide on Survey Research, in *Reference  
 29 Manual on Scientific Evidence* at 397-98 (discussing methodology for trademark consumer

1 When testing a causal proposition, such as consumer confusion or deceptive advertising, a control  
 2 group is necessary because the experiment seeks to measure the impact of a stimulus. Without the  
 3 control group, the survey would not measure how much of the reaction is based on the stimulus,  
 4 and how much is based on respondents' pre-existing beliefs. Diamond, *Reference Guide* at 398.  
 5 A control group is also necessary when the survey asks respondents leading questions. Mullen  
 6 Decl., Ex. 25 (Simonson Dep. 99:3-12). Here, Dr. Simonson was not testing impact of a  
 7 stimulus, and asked open-ended, non-leading survey questions: no control was needed. *See id.* at  
 8 99:16-19.

9 ***Second, the inclusion of pre-test results is proper, and even if these results were***  
 10 ***removed the results would not change:*** Dr. Simonson also followed established research  
 11 protocol by including the pretest results in his final survey. As the very authority that Oracle  
 12 relies on indicates, exclusion of pretest results is usually only necessary when a question is  
 13 significantly modified or changed in the final survey. *See* ECF 1563-12 (Toubia Rpt., ¶ 62 (citing  
 14 Mullen Decl., Ex. 31 Erin E. Ruel, William E. Wagner, and Brian J. Gillespie, *The Practice of*  
 15 *Survey Research: Theory and Applications*, SAGE Publications, Inc., 2016, p. 117 (explaining  
 16 how an ambiguous question in the pretest may be clarified in the full survey and thus render the  
 17 pre-test survey results inaccurate)). Here, Dr. Simonson made only minor, cosmetic edits to  
 18 survey, and thus it was appropriate to include the pre-test survey respondents. Even if these pre-  
 19 test respondents were excluded, there would be no statistically significant change in the results of  
 20 the survey.

21 **IV. CONCLUSION**

22 Dr. Simonson's report and testimony is relevant and reliable. Oracle's motion to exclude  
 23 Dr. Simonson's testimony and report should be denied.

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 26 confusion and deceptive advertising surveys)); MIL # 5 at 6 (citing *Reinsdorf v. Skechers U.S.A.*,  
 27 922 F. Supp. 2d 866, 877-78(C.D. Cal. 2013) (impact of photograph on consumer behavior);  
 28 *CytoSport, Inc. v. Vital Pharm., Inc.*, 894 F. Supp. 2d 1285, 1291 (E.D. Cal. 2012) (trademark  
 consumer survey); *Brighton Collectibles, Inc. v. RK Texas Leather Mfg.*, 923 F. Supp. 2d 1245,  
 1257-58 (S.D. Cal. 2013) (trade dress confusion survey)).

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